Directions for Prayer, for the Dioceſs of Bath *and* Wells.

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Dearly beloved in our Lord,

THe Catechiſm truly teaches all Chriſtians, that they are **not able of themſelves to do thoſe things** they have vow'd in their Baptiſm to do, namely, **To walk in the Commandments of God, and to ſerve him, without his ſpecial Grace,** or favorable Aſſiſtance, and this **they are to learn at all times to call upon** God **for, by diligent Prayer.**

How good and ſeaſonable this advice is, you will all ſee, if you conſider what helpleſs and needy Creatures the very beſt of Men are. Alas! our weakneſs is very great, our wants are very many, our dependance on God for all things, all our lives long, is entire, and abſolute, and neceſſary, and there is no way in the World to gain help and ſupplies from God, but by Prayer; ſo that it is as eaſie, and as poſſible to preſerve a natural Life without daily Bread, as a Chriſtian Life without daily Prayer.

It was for this reaſon, that our Saviour himſelf took a particular care, to teach *his Diſciples to pray,* [*Luke* 11. 1.] and it is for the ſame reaſon, and in imitation of our Heavenly Maſter, that I have joyn'd theſe directions for Prayer to the Catechiſm.

Sure I am, the Zeal I ought to have for your Salvation, can ſuggeſt to me nothing more conducing to the good of your Souls, than to exhort and beſeech you all, of either Sex, to learn how to Pray.

This is the firſt general Requeſt I ſhall make to you, and I am the more earneſt in it, becauſe my own ſad experi-

ence has taught me, how ſtrangely ignorant common Peopel uſually are of this duty; inſomuch, that ſome never Pray at all, pretending they were never taught, or that their memories are bad, or that they are not Book-learn'd, or that they want mony to buy a Book; and by this means they live, and die rather like Beaſts than Men; nay, their condition is much worſe than that of Beaſts, for the miſery of a Beaſt doth end at death, but the miſery of a wicked man does then begin, and will endure to all Eternity.

To prevent then as much as lies in me, the damnation of thoſe Souls which God has committed to my care, and to cure that lamentable ignorance and forgetfulneſs of God, which is the cauſe of the damnation of ſo very many, I do not only inceſſantly pray for you my ſelf, but I beg of you all to pray for your ſelves, and I beſeech you to read the following Inſtructions; or if you cannot read your ſelves, to get ſome honeſt charitable Neighbors to read them often to you, that you may remember them, and God of his great mercy reward the Charity of ſuch Neighbors.

If any of you, either by your own negligence, or by the negligence of your Parents, or for want of Catechiſing in your Pariſh, are wholly ignorant of your duty; though it be a moſt ſhameful and dangerous thing, for one who calls himſelf a Chriſtian, to know nothing of Chriſt or Chriſtianity, yet if you are willing to learn, and beg pardon of God for your wilful ignorance hitherto, and will ſincerely do your endeavor to get ſaving Knowledge, and heartily pray to God to aſſiſt you, you ſhall find, that the very *entrance of Gods word giveth light, that it giveth underſtanding unto the ſimple.* [Pſal. 119. 130.]

I muſt warn you before-hand, that corrupt Nature will be very buſie in hindering the learning of your duty, and thoughts will ariſe in your mind that the task will be too hard and too tedious for you to undertake; but I faithfully promiſe you, to impoſe no hard or tedious task on you, but ſuch as you your ſelves ſhall confeſs, to be very com-

complying with your Infirmities; for our moſt compaſſionate Saviour teaches me to ſay no more to you, than *you can bear.* [*John* 16. 11.]

All I ſhall exhort you to, is to learn your Catechiſm, which you may do by degrees: If you learn but a line or two in a day, you will, by Gods bleſſing, in a very ſhort time learn it all over, and you will rejoice, and thank God, for the ſudden and happy progreſs you have made.

God forbid you ſhould ever think your ſelves too old to learn to ſerve God, and to be ſaved, both which are taught in the Catechiſm, and therefore the Catechiſm is of neceſſity to be learned: For how can you go to Heaven, if you never learn'd the way thither? How can you be ſav'd, if you do not know your Saviour?

'Tis a great Error, to think that the Catechiſm was made for Children only, for all Chriſtians are equally concern'd in thoſe ſaving Truths which are there taught; and the Doctrine delivered in the Catechiſm, is as proper for the ſtudy and as neceſſary for the ſalvation of a great Doctor, as of a weak Chriſtian, or a young Child.

But you will be the more encouraged to learn your Catechiſm, when you ſee how excellent a help it will be to Prayer, for it will at the ſame time further your Knowledge, and your Devotion both together; and the Prayers I intend to commend to you, are chiefly the very Anſwers in the Catechiſm, which being daily repeated, will be the better fix'd in your memory, and you cannot imagine any advice for Prayer can be more eaſie and familiar, than that which directs you to turn your very Catechiſm into Prayers.

You are by this time I hope ſatisfied, that the Duty to which I exhort you, is no hard task; and yet I will endeavor, by Gods aſſiſtance, to make it more eaſie, by putting you into an eaſie method to attain it.

If you are wholly ignorant of your Catechiſm, let it be your firſt care to learn ſuch Ejaculations, ſuch ſhort Prayers as theſe, and ſay them often, and heartily.

Lord have mercy upon me.
Christ have mercy upon me.
Lord have mercy upon me.

Lord pardon all my wilful ignorance, and gross carelesness of my duty, for the sake of Jesus my Saviour. Amen.

O my God assist me in the learning of my Duty.

Lord help me to know, and to love thee.

Lord pity me, Lord save me, Father forgive me.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, who hast hitherto spared me.

O that I might at last learn to glorifie, and love, and serve thee!

Such short Prayers as these, you may easily get by heart, and the method in which I advise you to proceed, is, that in which Children are commonly taught, in regard I am now to look on you as a Child: For there are two sorts of Children; there are Children in age, and *Children in understanding*, [1 Cor. 14. 20.] and in this latter respect you are Children, and the same method for the most part is proper for you, which is proper for those that are Children in Age.

I must therefore feed you *with Milk*, before you can be capable of *strong Meat*, [Heb. 5. 13.] and I must look on you as *Lambs* of my Flock, which I am to use tenderly, and these following Directions which I give to Parents, for the training up their Children in Piety, I do equally design for the training up of you. God of his Infinite Goodness, bless them to you both.

I exhort all you who are Parents, to instil good things into your Children as soon as ever they begin to speak; let the first words they utter, if it be possible, be these, *Glory be to God*: Accustom them to repeat these words on their knees, as soon as they rise, and when they go to bed, and oftimes in the day, and let them not eat or drink, without saying, *Glory be to God*.

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As their ſpeech grows more plain and eaſie to them, teach them who Made, and Redeem'd and Sanctified them, and for what end, namely to glorifie and to love God; and withal, teach them ſome of the ſhorteſt Ejaculations you can, ſuch as theſe;

Lord help me. Lord ſave me.
Lord have mercy upon me.
All love, all glory be to God who firſt lov'd me.
Lord keep me in thy love.

Within a little time you may teach them the Lords Prayer, and hear them ſay it every day, morning & evening on their knees, with ſome one or more of the fore-going Ejaculations; and by degrees as they grow up, they will learn the Creed, and the whole Catechiſm.

Be ſure to teach your Children with all the ſweetneſs and gentleneſs you can, leſt if you ſhould be ſevere, or ſhould over-task them, Religion ſhould ſeem to them rather a burden than a Bleſſing.

As their Knowledge increaſes, ſo let their Prayers increaſe alſo, and teach them as they go to turn their Catechiſm into Prayers, after the manner which I ſhall ſhew you, and to confirm and improve their knowledge, bring them duly to the Church to be Catechiſed by the Pariſh Prieſt, that by his familiar and devout Explications of the Catechiſm, they may learn to underſtand it, and may be capable of reading the Expoſition on it, and other Books of Piety.

Take conſcientious care to ſeaſon your Children as early as you can, with the love of God, which is *the firſt and great Commandment*, [*Matth.* 22. 38.] and with *the fear of God, which is the beginning of Wiſdom*, [*Pſal.* 111. 10.] for the awful love, and the filial fear of God, muſt always go together.

The ſame method you obſerve in teaching your Children, the ſame you may obſerve in teaching your Servants, according as you ſee they want teaching, and you your ſelves will reap the benefit of it, as well as your Servants;

for the more devout ſervants they are of God, the more faithful Servants will they be to you.

Remember, you muſt teach both your Children and Servants by your Example, as well as by your Inſtruction, for they learn beſt by Example; and if they ſee you give an example of fraud or lying, of revenge or calumny, of uncleanneſs or drunkenneſs, of curſing and ſwearing, and irreligion; inſtead of teaching them to obey God, you teach them to provoke him; inſtead of teaching them to honor God, you teach them to blaſpheme him; inſtead of leading them the way to Heaven, you lead them the way to Hell; and you will increaſe your own damnation, by furthering theirs, which God forbid you ſhould ever do.

Now that you may the better give a good Example to your Family, I will by Gods help give you a method of daily Devotion, taken for the moſt part out of the Catechiſm, which will be ſuitable to all Chriſtians, be they never ſo well inſtructed, and which you may by little and little teach your Children; and which thoſe who have been bred up in ignorance, and are Children in underſtanding, and are yet willing to be taught, may learn to ſay alſo, as the capacities of either do increaſe; for a Chriſtian muſt never ſtand at a ſtay, but muſt be always *growing in Grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt*, [2 *Pet.* 3. 18.]

A method of daily Prayer.

As ſoon as ever you awake, offer your firſt thoughts and words to God, ſaying,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt: Three Perſons and one God bleſſed for evermore: All love, all praiſe be to thee.

As you are riſing, ſay,

I laid me down and ſlept, and roſe up again, for the Lord ſuſtained me: All love, all glory be to God. [Pſal. 3. 5.]

As ſoon as you are dreſt, kneel down, as our Saviour himſelf kneel'd, [*Luke* 22. 41.] *at his Prayers; and remember*

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you are in Gods preſence, and ſay your Prayers with Reverence and Devotion.

Morning Prayer.

Glory be to thee, O Lord God, for my preſervation and refreſhment, and for all the Bleſſings of the night paſt, for which, All love, All praiſe be to thee, Father, forgive me all the evil of the night paſt, for the merits of Jeſus my Saviour. Amen.

O merciful God, keep and protect, and bleſs me this day, and proſper me in my Calling, and preſerve me from ſin and danger, for the merit of Jeſus my Saviour. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, &c.

All love, all glory be to thee, O God the Father, who haſt made me and all the World.

All love, all glory be to thee, O God the Son, who haſt redeemed me and all Man-kind.

All love, all glory be to thee, O God the Holy-Ghoſt, who doeſt ſanctifie me, and all the elect people of God.

All love, all glory be to thee, O Father of mercy, who in my Baptiſm didſt make me a member of Chriſt, thy own Child, and an inheritor of the kingdom of Heaven.

O my God, I do this day dedicate my ſelf to thy ſervice, and do renew the promiſe and vow of my Baptiſm.

I do from my heart renounce the Devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the ſinful luſts of the fleſh; from all which, good Lord deliver me.

I believe all the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith, and I will keep thy holy Will and Commandments, and walk in the ſame all the days of my life.

All this, O Lord, I am bound to believe and do, and by thy help ſo I will; and I heartily thank thee, O Heavenly Father, who haſt call'd me to this

ſtate of ſalvation, through Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour; and I pray unto thee to give me thy Grace, that I may continue in the ſame to my lives end.

Lord, hear me, help me, pardon my failings, ſupply all my wants, and the wants of all faithful People, which I ſum up in the words of thy own beloved Son, Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

After the like manner you may pray at night.

Evening Prayer.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, for my preſervation, and for all the Bleſſings of the day paſt; for which, all love, all praiſe be to thee.

Father, forgive me all the ſins I have this day committed, either in thought, or word, or deed, either againſt thee, or againſt my neighbor, for the ſake of Jeſus my Saviour. Amen, Amen.

It grieves me, O merciful God, that I ſhould daily offend thee: But I repent, O pitty and pardon me, for the ſake of Jeſus thy Beloved. Amen, Amen.

O my God, keep and protect, and bleſs me this night, and preſerve me from ſin and danger, for the ſake of Jeſus. Amen, Amen.

Lord, refreſh me this night with ſeaſonable ſleep, that I may riſe the next morning more fit and able to ſerve thee in my Calling, for the ſake of Jeſus, thy Beloved. Amen, Amen.

I believe in God the Father, &c.

All love, all glory be to thee, our God the Father, who, &c. as in the Morning.

I deſire thee, O Lord God, O Heavenly Father, who art the Giver of all goodneſs, to ſend thy Grace unto me, and to my Wife and Children, to my Husband and Children, Father and Mother, Brethren and Siſters, Kindred and Friends, Maſter and Miſtris, [you muſt name theſe Relations, according as you ſtand related] and to all people, that we may worſhip thee, ſerve thee, and

and obey thee, as we ought to do: And I pray unto thee, that thou would'ſt ſend us all things that be needful, both for our ſouls and bodies, and that thou wilt be merciful unto us, and forgive us our ſins; and that it will pleaſe thee, to ſave and defend us, in all dangers, ghoſtly and bodily, and that thou wilt keep us from all ſin and wickedneſs, and from our ghoſtly enemy, and from everlaſting death: And this I truſt thou wilt do of thy mercy and goodneſs, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Amen. Lord, ſo be it.

Lord, hear me, help me, pardon my failings, ſupply all my wants, and the wants of all for whom I pray, which I ſum up in the words of thy own beloved Son,

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

As you are going to bed, ſay,

I will lay me down in peace, and take my reſt, for it is thou, Lord, only that makeſt me dwell in ſafety, [Pſal. 4. 9.]

As you began the day, ſo end it with glorifying God, and when you are in bed, ſay,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt, three Perſons and one God, bleſſed for evermore. All praiſe, all love be to thee.

I earneſtly beg of God, to make you ſenſible your ſelves, and to give you grace to make your Children and ſervants ſenſible alſo, how Neceſſary, and Happy, and Heavenly a Duty Prayer is, and how many *exceeding great and precious Promiſes* God has made to thoſe that devoutly pray to him; and if you are thus ſenſible, you will not content your ſelves with Morning and Evening Prayer onely, but you will be deſirous, if you have Opportunity, to retire about Mid-day, for a few Minutes, that you may imitate the Devotion of holy *David*, and of *Daniel*, and pray *three times a day*, *Dan.* 6. 10. and that you may not want a help for Noon-tide Prayer, the Catechiſm ſhall ſupply you.

Prayer

Prayer at Noon.

At evening, and at morning, and at noon-day will I pray, and that instantly, Lord, hear my voice, [Psal. 55. 19.]

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All love, all glory be to thee, O God the Father, who hast first loved us, and hast given thy beloved Son to die for our Sins, and to rise again for our Justification.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness, according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me, for the sake of Jesus thy Beloved. Amen.

O Lord God, who seest I am not able of my self to walk in thy Commandments, and to serve thee; be pleased to help and strengthen me by thy special Grace, that I may daily and sincerely perform my duty towards thee, and my duty towards my neighbor, for the sake of Jesus my Saviour. Amen.

O my God, give me grace to believe in thee, and to love thee with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength; to worship thee, to give thee thanks, to put my whole trust in thee, to call upon thee, to honor thy holy Name and thy Word, and to serve thee truly all the days of my life, for the sake of Jesus thy Beloved. Amen.

O my God, give me grace to love my neighbor as my self, to do to all men as I would they should do to me; to love, honor and succor my Father and Mother [this clause must be left out, if your Father and Mother

Mother be dead] to honor and obey the King, and all that are put in Authority under him; to ſubmit my ſelf to all my Governors, Teachers, Spiritual Paſtors, and Maſters; to order my ſelf lowly and reverently to all my betters; to hurt no body by word or deed; to be true and juſt in all my dealing; to bear no malice nor hatred in my heart; to keep my hands from picking and ſtealing, and my tongue from evil ſpeaking, lying and ſlandering; to keep my body in temperance, ſoberneſs and chaſtity, not to covet or deſire other mens goods, but to learn and labor truly to get mine own living, and to do my duty in that ſtate of life, unto which it has pleaſed thee to call me, for the ſake of Jeſus thy Beloved. Amen.

Lord hear me, help me, pardon my failings, ſupply all my wants, which I ſum up in the words of thy Beloved Son,

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

Inſtead of theſe two laſt Prayers, you may ſometimes ſay the Ten Commandments, which you may turn into a very good Prayer, by ſaying after every one,

Lord have mercy upon me, and incline my heart to keep this Law.

Where you not only beg pardon for the ſins you have committed againſt each Commandment, but you alſo beg Grace to keep it.

At the end of them you may ſay,

Lord have mercy upon me, and write all theſe thy Laws in my heart, I beſeech thee.

And ſo conclude with the Lords Prayer.

Do not think that this Practice of Prayer will be too hard, or too long for young perſons, or for labouring people; for if you cannot ſay them all, ſay as much as you can; or if you are at Day Labour, or have not time or convenience to ſay them, offer up to God two or three hearty Ejaculations in their place: but if you can get time and convenience, ſay them all, and I dare aſſure you, that all the three Forms of Prayer which I commend to you, will not in all take up a quarter of an hour; and certainly that Perſon has very little ſenſe of his Duty, very little concern for his immortal Soul, very little Honour for God, or value for Heaven, who will not ſpend one quarter of an hour in the

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ſpace of four and twenty hours, in the Service of God, and the Salvation of his own Soul.

I do by all means exhort you to give your Servants a few Minutes leiſure at Noon, to pray after your Example, and to uſe your Children to do the ſame, for they will ſoon be able to ſay the Lords Prayer, and two or three Ejaculations, and teach them to ſay theſe at Noon, as well as at Morning and at Night, and 'tis incredible to think how much good this Practice will do them, and what great comfort you your ſelves will reap from the early Devotion of your Children.

To further this Devotion in your Children, inſtead of Idle Tales and Songs, which pollute their Souls, and when they come to be ſerious, will coſt them great pains to unlearn: You muſt teach them ſhort Pſalms by heart, which will exerciſe their Memories and Piety both together; and as you teach the Pſalms to your Children, I exhort you to learn them your ſelves.

You cannot imagine the great benefit of learning Pſalms by heart; for when you are under any Temptation, or are in any affliction, or when you lye waking in the Night, or when you are Sick, theſe Pſalms will come into your mind, and the Devout repeating them will yield you moſt ſeaſonable Conſolations.

The very Common People, in the firſt and pureſt Ages of the Church, were ſo ſenſible of the Spiritual advantages of learning Pſalms, that they learn'd the whole Pſalter by heart, and ſang or ſaid the Pſalms in their Shops, and at the Plow, inſomuch that St. *James* makes it the proper expreſſion of Chriſtian mirth, [*James* 5. 13.] *If any be merry, let him ſing Pſalms.*

This is the way to ſtore your own and your Childrens minds with Ejaculations, or ſhort Prayers for all Occaſions, which I adviſe both Old and Young to accuſtom themſelves to, becauſe it is the true way of Praying without ceaſing, and it is a kind of Prayer moſt eaſie, and may be uſed at any time of the day, or in any place, and is one of the moſt efficacious means in the World to keep us in Gods favour, which is of all things moſt deſirable.

Ejaculations.

At going out, or coming in.

Lord, bleſs my going out and my coming in, from this time forth for evermore. [Pſal. 121. 8.]

At Meals.

Lord grant, that whether I eat or drink, or whatever I do, I may do all to thy Glory. [1 Cor. 10. 31.]

At Work.

Proſper thou the work of my hands, O Lord, O proſper thou my handy-work. [Pſal. 90. 17.]

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In the Shop or Market.

Lord, give me grace to use this World, so as not to abuse it. [1 Cor. 7. 31.]

Lord, grant that I may never go beyond, or defraud my brother in any matter, for thou art the Avenger of all such. 1 Thess. 4. 6.

In temptation or danger.

O God, make speed to save me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

At any time of the day.

Wherever I am, whatever I do, Thou Lord seest me: O keep me in thy fear all the day long. [Prov. 23. 17.]

Lord, give me grace to keep always a conscience void of offence towards thee, and towards men. [Acts 24. 16.]

Lord, teach me so to number my days, that I may apply my heart to Wisdom. [Psal. 90. 12.]

O let my mouth be filled with thy Praise, that I may sing of thy Glory and Honor all the day long. [Psal. 71. 7.]

All love, all glory be to thee, O God, who didst first love me.

Unto him that lov'd us, and wash'd us from our sins in his own Blood, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. [Rev. 1. 5.]

O blessed Spirit, shed abroad the love of God in my heart.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Praise his holy Name. [Psal. 103. 1.]

Praise the Lord, O my soul, while I live will I praise the Lord: yea as long as I have any being, I will sing Praises unto my God. [Psal. 146. 1.]

You that have Families, I do further exhort, that besides your private Prayers, you would offer up to God, a Morning and Evening Sacrifice in your Families, and that every one of you would take up the Holy Resolution of *Joshua*, *As for me, and my House, we will serve the Lord*. [*Josh.*

Josh. 24. 15.] And the Prayers I advise you to use, are taken out of the Common Prayer, as being most familiar, and of greatest Authority withall.

If any of your Family are gone abroad to their Work before the rest can be ready, call that little Congregation about you that is at home, and you that are present, pray for those that are absent, and by this means those that are absent upon necessary Employments, will share in the blessings for which you pray.

Morning Prayer for a Family.

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be alway acceptable in thy sight: O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

O God the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O Lord we beseech thee, mercifully hear our Prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee, and they whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of our selves to help our selves, we give thee humble thanks for thy preservation of us this day past [or this night past] and for all the blessings thou daily vouchsafest us; and we beseech thee to keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting, and power

power Infinite, have mercy upon the whole Church, and so rule the heart of thy chosen Servant James our King and Governor, that he (knowing whose Minister he is) may above all things seek thy Honor and Glory; and that we and all his Subjects (duly considering whose Authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honor, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and Ordinance, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth ever one God, World without end. Amen.

Unto thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, do we commit our selves this day [or this night] and all our relations and friends: Lord prosper us in our callings: Lord bless us and keep us: Lord make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: Lord lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us Peace, both now and evermore, for the sake of Jesus thy beloved, in whose own blessed Words, we sum up all our wants.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

The same form, changing but one word, is proper for the Night as well as the Morning, to make Family Prayer the more easie to you.

That Prayer which I have set down, wherein you pray for the King, and pray for your selves also, that you may be good Subjects, I exhort you never to omit, because you know that the Countrey wherein you live, was the onely seat of the late Rebellion, and the Tares of Sedition have been Industriously sown among you, and you have the greater reason to pray that you may continue firm in your Allegiance; besides, St. *Paul* teaches you, that *to Pray for Kings, is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour*, [1 *Tim.* 2. 2, 3.]

To your Family Prayers, you may add, as you see occasion, one of these following.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of Faith, Hope and Charity, and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord we beseech thee, Grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the World, the Flesh and

and the Devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorifie thy holy Name; and finally, by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

These and the like short Prayers, may be said alone in the Closet, as well as in the Family, by changing onely the number, and for (we) saying all along (I) and for (us) saying (me.) As for Example, when you read any part of the Holy Scripture, either alone by your selves, or with your Families, both which you should do daily, if you have leisure, but if you have not, see that you do both on the Lord's days, and on Holy days, and before Reading, say this Prayer.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, Grant that we [I] may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy Holy Word, we [I] may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

God of his infinite Mercy bless these Instructions to his Glory, and to the furtherance of your Devotions, through Jesus the beloved. *Amen. Amen.*

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